

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire) at 6 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on further motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

CONGRATULATING THE MIAMI HEAT FOR WINNING THE 2006 NBA CHAMPIONSHIP

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 887) congratulating the Miami Heat for winning the 2006 NBA Championship.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 887

Whereas on June 20, 2006, the Miami Heat defeated the Dallas Mavericks, the Western Conference Champions, in 6 games to win the 2006 National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship;

Whereas Dwyane Wade, of the Miami Heat, was named the 2006 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player;

Whereas the Miami Heat defeated the Chicago Bulls in 6 games in the first round of the NBA playoffs;

Whereas the Miami Heat defeated the New Jersey Nets in 5 games in the second round of the NBA playoffs;

Whereas, in the third round of the NBA playoffs, the Miami Heat defeated the Detroit Pistons, their archrival and the defending Eastern Conference Champions, in 6 games;

Whereas the "White Hot" Miami Heat fans sold out the American Airlines Arena and cheered on their hometown team;

Whereas the Miami Heat remained persistent and continued to believe in themselves throughout the playoffs;

Whereas the Miami Heat are the first team since 1977 to win 4 NBA Finals games consecutively after losing the first two games, and in doing so, the Miami Heat made one of the most stunning turnarounds in NBA history;

Whereas the Miami Heat became just the third team in the history of the NBA Finals to win a series after losing the first two games, and the first team in the history of the NBA Finals to do so after losing the first two games by double-digit margins;

Whereas this is the first NBA championship title for the Miami Heat, which has long been one of the most outstanding basketball programs in the Nation;

Whereas Pat Riley, the head coach of the Miami Heat, has cemented his legacy as one of basketball's all-time great head coaches by winning his fifth NBA championship title;

Whereas, in game 3 of the NBA Finals, the Miami Heat were losing by 13 points on their home floor with only 6 minutes 30 seconds left;

Whereas the Miami Heat came back with the tenacity of Dwyane Wade and won game 3 of the NBA Finals by 2 points;

Whereas Micky Arison, owner and Managing General Partner of the Miami Heat; Pat Riley, Head Coach and President of Basketball Operations; Randy Pfund, General Manager; Eric Woolworth, President of Business Operations; and Andy Elisburg, Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations, have shown a positive commitment to the Miami Heat franchise by successfully acquiring, assembling, and maintaining a team of high-quality, winning players;

Whereas "15 strong" brought the first NBA championship title to the City of Miami;

Whereas the Miami Heat team of skilled players, including Derek Anderson, Shandon Anderson, Earl Barron, Michael Doleac, Udonis Haslem, Jason Kapon, Alonzo Mourning, Shaquille O'Neal, Gary Payton, James Posey, Wayne Simien, Dwyane Wade, Antoine Walker, Jason Williams, and Dorell Wright, contributed extraordinary performances during the regular season, the NBA playoffs, and the NBA Finals;

Whereas veteran Michael Doleac, and future stars Jason Kapon, Wayne Simien, Dorell Wright, Earl Barron, and Matt Walsh, helped shape the Miami Heat by preparing the starters for the postseason, giving the starters tough practices and quality scrimmages;

Whereas Shandon Anderson and Derek Anderson added to the Miami Heat's experience base by bringing their knowledge and NBA Finals experience from runner-up finishes in Utah and San Antonio, respectively;

Whereas, in game 6 of the NBA Finals, James Posey hit a big 3-pointer to put the Miami Heat up by 6 points with only 3 minutes left to play;

Whereas Alonzo Mourning, returning from a nearly career-ending kidney illness and kidney transplant, came up with 6 rebounds and 5 monster blocked shots to turn the tide in game 6 of the NBA Finals;

Whereas Gary Payton, having consistently shown his greatness on two near-championship NBA teams, hit a 21-foot jumper to save and seal a comeback victory for the Miami Heat in game 3 of the NBA Finals;

Whereas Jason Williams shot a team-high 34 percent from the three-point line and led the Miami Heat in assists during the NBA Finals, while directing the Miami Heat offense from the point guard position;

Whereas Antoine Walker, the Miami Heat's second-highest scorer in the NBA Finals, scored 14 points and kept the Miami Heat in important point-scoring opportunities by pulling down 11 big rebounds in game 6 of the NBA Finals;

Whereas Udonis Haslem, playing with a badly injured shoulder, showed the heart of a champion by contributing 17 points, 10 rebounds, and 2 steals, one of which was with time winding down;

Whereas Shaquille "Shaq" O'Neal came to the Miami Heat and on July 21, 2004 said, "I want ya'll to remember this day, because we're going to do it again in June. I'm going to bring a championship to Miami. I promise you.";

Whereas Shaq delivered over 1,100 points, 104 blocks, 113 assists, and 541 rebounds in the regular season, adding another 83 points, 5 blocks, 17 assists, and 33 rebounds in the NBA Finals for his fourth NBA championship title;

Whereas Dwyane Wade scored 42, 36, 43, and 36 points in the Miami Heat's NBA Finals victories, leading all scorers;

Whereas, in the NBA Finals, Dwyane Wade had the Miami Heat's second-highest rebound total, with 47; the second-highest number of assists, with 28; the second-highest number of blocks, with 6; the highest free throw percentage, at 77 percent; and the highest point total from the free-throw line, with 75; all in route to his first NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award;

Whereas the Miami Heat coaching and support staff, including Head Coach Pat Riley; Assistant Coaches Bob McAdoo, Keith Askins, Erik Spoelstra, and Ron Rothstein; Assistant Coach/Advance Scout Bimbo Coles; Strength and Conditioning Coach Bill Foran; Athletic Trainer Ron Culp; and Assistant Trainer Jay Sabol, exhibited exemplary leadership and guidance to the team;

Whereas the Miami Heat have not only been players on the court, but have also been instrumental role models to the south Florida community;

Whereas the Miami Heat organization has a positive civic impact on the south Florida community through the Miami HEAT Family Outreach Charitable Fund, Heat Academy, Heat Scholarships, Miami Heat Read to Achieve, Miami Heat Fun-Raiser, Miami Heat Wheels, Shoot For the Stars Books and Basketball Summer Clinics, Heat Youth Basketball, and the Miami Heat Learn to Swim Program; and

Whereas the Miami Heat fans are a part of this championship by supporting the team and giving the team the energy, strength, love, and passion to compete each and every season: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates—

(A) the Miami Heat for winning the 2006 National Basketball Association (NBA) World Championship and for their outstanding performance during the 2005–2006 NBA season; and

(B) Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade for winning the 2006 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award;

(2) recognizes and praises the achievements of the Miami Heat players, coaches, management, and support staff whose hard work,

dedication, and resilience proved instrumental throughout the Miami Heat's championship season;

(3) commends the south Florida community and the Miami Heat fans for their dedication; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) each of the Miami Heat players;

(B) Pat Riley, Miami Heat Head Coach and President of Basketball Operations;

(C) Micky Arison, Miami Heat owner and Managing General Partner;

(D) Randy Pfund, Miami Heat General Manager;

(E) Eric Woolworth, Miami Heat President of Business Operations;

(F) Andy Elisburg, Miami Heat Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations;

(G) each of the Miami Heat coaches and trainers;

(H) the Honorable Manny Diaz, Mayor of the City of Miami, Florida;

(I) the Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

(J) the Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of the State of Florida.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MEEK) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate south Florida's own Miami Heat for winning the 2006 NBA championship. This momentous occasion marks the first NBA championship title for the Heat, a young franchise with a proud basketball tradition.

Despite some hardships in the beginning of the 2005–2006 season, the Miami Heat remained persistent throughout the playoffs and the finals.

I would like to recognize especially the Heat fans, as they are an integral part of this championship. Their relentless support energized the Heat players to compete each and every game. The “White Hot” Heat fans also helped to sell out the American Airlines arena and cheer their hometown team on to victory. An estimated 200,000 Heat fans came together last Friday during a parade down Biscayne Boulevard to celebrate the team's first championship in 18 years as a franchise.

The Miami Heat players are not only an inspiration on the court, Mr. Speaker, but they are also role models to the youth of south Florida. Through its many charitable organizations, such as the Miami Heat Family Outreach Char-

itable Fund, Heat Scholarships, and the Miami Heat Read to Achieve program, the Heat franchise has contributed to the well-being of our community.

The Heat coaching and support staff, led by head coach Pat Riley and owner, Micky Arison, have shown a positive commitment to the Heat franchise by successfully acquiring, assembling, and maintaining a team of high-quality winning players. And, of course, we need to applaud the achievements of the Miami Heat players, whose hard work and dedication proved instrumental throughout this NBA championship.

The outstanding support given by the city of Miami, Miami-Dade County, and the State of Florida were all crucial in forging one of the best teams we have ever seen.

Congratulations to our 15-strong Miami Heat team for bringing the first NBA title, the first of many, Mr. Speaker, to the city of Miami and to everyone who has participated in this magnificent season.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is definitely an honor being here on the floor with my colleague ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN and also other colleagues from the Florida delegation to commend the Miami Heat. I am so glad my colleagues are here.

As we know, the Miami Heat was a team that kind of came together over a period of 19 years to be able to bring about the kind of championship series that we have been able to witness over the last couple of weeks.

I would like to commend the Dallas Mavericks for a hard-fought game, and I believe that it was a game of life. I mean, there were mistakes made and there were also ups and downs; but I can tell you when the Miami Heat was down by two games, they came fighting back and it was not easy, and I want to thank not only the Dallas fans but especially the Miami fans, and I want to thank the NBA in general for all of their assistance to local communities in Miami and also in Dallas.

I would also like to, as we commend the Miami Heat, commend American Airlines for all that they did to not only assist both teams because they have arenas in both cities. They do quite a bit in both cities, and they also help fans travel back and forth to the games. I can tell you that this is especially unique for Miami because we have so many of the players who have been in the NBA for so long.

Just on a personal note, a personal friend of mine, Alonzo Mourning, has a youth center in the middle of my district in Overtown, which is one of the areas where children are challenged, in a safe place to be. He has been able to provide that and is leading into his 10th year of a program called Zo's Summer Groove where a number of

NBA players come to south Florida, along with the Miami Heat, and raise a lot of money for great kids.

And I am also pleased with the coaching staff. I want to thank the members of the Florida delegation and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN for putting in and mentioning the coaching staff and the front office there at the Miami Heat and Pat Riley, who has done an excellent job and who will go down in NBA history as one of the greatest coaches ever coaching the game.

For the Miami Heat fans, we can't say enough. This resolution also outlines their contributions. Some 200,000 members of south Florida's community came out in celebration of the Miami Heat. And as we all know, Dwyane Wade, and we all know Shaquille O'Neal, there are a number of players there that have contributed quite a bit; and I can tell you that that sixth player on the court has always been the Miami Heat fans. Even when the Heat are out of town, I think we have a good travel team that goes along with them, Heat fans, and I know the “White Hot” fans that are still white hot for the Heat are still celebrating and still appreciating. As we are here now tonight, Mr. Speaker, Shaquille O'Neal who is one of the outstanding philanthropic members of our community and who cares so much about the people, he is actually putting on a celebration party on South Beach as we speak.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

I just would like to congratulate Mr. MEEK for rallying the support of our delegation behind the Miami Heat. Throughout every game, even those first tough ones, he was passing out beads for the Miami Heat and rallying support, along with Members of this body, even giving Heat beads to Dallas fans. So he was winning converts one fan at a time.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield such time as he may consume to another fan of the Miami Heat championship season, my good friend, Mr. FOLEY.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

I appreciate the efforts of both of my colleagues from south Florida, particularly Dade County, for introducing this resolution, H. Res. 887. I rise in strong support, and I want to congratulate the Miami Heat for winning the 2006 NBA championship.

As chairman of the Travel and Tourism Caucus, I would also like to signal a hearty good luck to the American Airlines arenas, hosting both the Mavericks and the Heat. They had the good fortune of having the naming rights on both of those facilities; so they too have benefited significantly from this. American Airlines is an important airline in Florida into the Miami market and to Latin America; so they too join in the celebration as well.

Since taking over the Heat a decade ago, owner Micky Arison has built the Heat into one of the NBA's marquee franchises. His steadfast leadership has now been rewarded with his first NBA championship.

I want to congratulate coach Pat Riley. As many of you know, Coach Riley returned to the Heat bench part way into the season and led his team to a successful regular season and to the NBA finals. He brought together a team of many different personalities, leading them as one cohesive unit.

I also want to recognize finalist MVP Dwyane Wade. Anyone watching could see that Mr. Wade elevated his game to another level during the finals. The Heat found themselves down two games to none and down by 13 points with only 6 minutes remaining in game three. This was when Mr. Wade took over and led the Heat to a roaring comeback before a cheering crowd at American Airlines Arena.

And we all know the Heat could not have done this without the outstanding effort and leadership of Shaquille O'Neal. When Mr. O'Neal was traded to the Heat in the summer of 2004, he promised he would bring a championship to Miami, and he held true to his promise.

I also feel special recognition is in order for veteran players Gary Payton and Alonzo Mourning. This is a well-deserved championship for Alonzo as he has battled back from kidney disease and a kidney transplant to win his first championship.

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This is a remarkable feat of accomplishment for any human being, much less a player of which so much is demanded on the court.

I commend all the players and everyone involved with the Heat organization, including such fans as my local supporter, Richard Bernstein, who was here in D.C. and decided to fly home during the finals to his regular seat in the arena. He has been a passionate advocate for the Heat. He has never given up on them, no matter how dismal the season; and, of course, his loyalty and steadfast determination to sit by the Heat players as they went season to season has been amply rewarded by this outstanding victory.

South Florida is thrilled. We will cherish and remember this 2006 world championship. To all the fans who have given loyal support to the team, we thank them as well. All Florida celebrates the Miami Heat's championship.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Palm Beach for sharing those very thoughtful comments.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say how important this is not only for South Florida but also for the country. This team is a team of individuals that have been on NBA rosters for some time, and also some newcomers. Dwyane Wade was

not known by the rest of the country prior to this NBA championship and this series.

Just from a personal note, I took my two children to the game five; and it was one of the most enjoyable games I have ever witnessed in my entire life. Being there with my children and seeing so many other parents there with their children witnessing such a game between two great NBA teams was something I know they will never forget and something I will never forget.

Mr. Speaker, I hope we can continue this. Like Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN has said, I hope this is just the first of several resolutions. I look forward to coming to the floor commending the Miami Heat and commending the fans.

But to my friends from Texas and from Dallas, I just want to let them know they have a great team, also; and we look forward to beating them, I mean playing with them, in the future as we move on.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my staff member, Eddy Acevedo, for his work in getting all of our Florida delegation united on this resolution.

As my good friend from Florida (Mr. MEEK) has pointed out, the Miami Heat players are not only tremendous athletes, outstanding people, but they also give back to the community so much. We thank them for their contribution to making South Florida a better place in which to live.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the adoption of House Resolution 887.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 887.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REAUTHORIZING PERMANENTLY USE OF PENALTY AND FRANKED MAIL RELATING TO LOCATION AND RECOVERY OF MISSING CHILDREN

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4416) to reauthorize permanently the use of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4416

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO USE PENALTY AND FRANKED MAIL TO LOCATE AND RECOVER MISSING CHILDREN.

Public Law 99-87 is amended by striking section 5 (39 U.S.C. 3220 note).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MEEK) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4416, a bill which permanently reauthorizes the use of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children. This bill was passed by the Government Reform Committee by a voice vote on June 8.

I would like to thank my colleague from California, Juanita Millender-McDonald, for sponsoring this very important bill.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, every day more than 2,100 children are reported missing somewhere in the United States. We are all familiar with the missing child notices that appear in the media, on government office bulletin boards, on advertising mail and, of course, on milk cartons. These notices provide immeasurable help in bringing missing children home. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, one out of every six children featured on these notices are recovered.

This bill will allow Members of Congress and Federal agencies to continue to assist in the recovery of missing children by authorizing them to include missing child notices on their official and franked mail envelopes. The wider these notices are disseminated, the greater the chances that someone will recognize a missing child and contact the proper authorities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in consideration of H.R. 4416, legislation sponsored by Representative MILLENDER-MCDONALD, which would permanently reauthorize the use of franking and penalty mail by Congress and Federal agencies and departments. This measure, which was unanimously reported from the Government Reform Committee on June 8,